

Womersley Park

Womersley, North Yorkshire



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A beautiful Georgian hidden gem set in gardens and parkland

Womersley Park, Womersley, North Yorkshire DN6 9BH

Doncaster 13 miles, Leeds 23 miles, York 25 miles

Features:

Principal house with extensive accommodation including a reception hall/dining room, staircase hall, principal drawing room, library, billiard room, kitchens, four bedrooms with en suites, six bedrooms and three bath/shower rooms

Two self-contained apartments

Three self-contained cottages

Fig & Olive Coffee Shop

Ancillary space including garaging and workshops

A large undeveloped attic space and large vaulted cellars

Biomass district heating system using ENplus A1 wood pellets

Walled gardens, parkland and woodland

Two private entrances into the estate

Circa 24.24 acres in all

Guide price: £4,000,000







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Nestled on the southern edge of the picturesque village of Womersley, Womersley Park is a masterpiece of heritage and charm. Lovingly cared for by its current owner, it stands as one of Yorkshire's great historic houses, seamlessly blending its rich history with the comforts of modern living.

The Hall enjoys an enviable position, facing south across its rolling parkland and agricultural ground. The village itself, once an integral part of the Womersley Park Estate of 4,688 acres, retains its traditional character with an enchanting array of stone-built houses and former farm steadings that exude rustic charm.

The main entrance to the estate lies to the south-east, where the sweeping carriageway drive leads gracefully to the front of the Hall. Externally, the Hall's symmetrical Georgian architecture makes a bold and elegant statement. Inside, the property is a celebration of immaculate craftsmanship, blending period details with contemporary essentials. Every original feature has been lovingly preserved, ensuring the character and history of the home remains throughout.

The grand front door opens into a splendid reception hall, currently utilised as an atmospheric dining room. Defined by four stately pillars, the space serves as the heart of the home, offering access to several key rooms.

The drawing room is a showstopper, with its exquisitely panelled ceiling adorned with ornate cornices and

friezes. Four fluted Corinthian columns support the room's grandeur, while the white marble chimney piece with sienna pilasters stands as a central feature. Natural light floods the space through tall sash windows and a large bay window, all equipped with working shutters, ensuring the room feels both regal and inviting.

The morning room is a haven of tranquillity, bathed in east-facing light from a grand bay window with central French doors that open onto the grounds. Meanwhile, one of the home's two kitchens can also be accessed from the reception hall as well as the morning room. This wood-panelled kitchen exudes warmth and charm, with a central island and ample space for dining and relaxation, making it the perfect family gathering spot.

At the heart of the house is the staircase hall, a breathtaking space crowned by a carved Cuban mahogany staircase with intricate timber balusters, plus 13 matching Cuban mahogany doors. A spectacular stained-glass window appears to be 17th Century work, largely if not entirely by Henry Gyles, virtuoso and glass painter of York. Featuring the Fairfax coat of arms, adding a touch of artistry and heritage, illuminating the staircase and the impressive galleried landing above.

The first-floor landing, adorned with a detailed cornice and ceiling rose, leads to an impressive collection of private rooms. There are four en suite bedrooms, two of which feature walk-in wardrobes, along with six additional bedrooms,

including two nestled in the attic. Three further bathrooms serve this level. For those seeking additional space, the expansive attic area offers exciting potential for development.

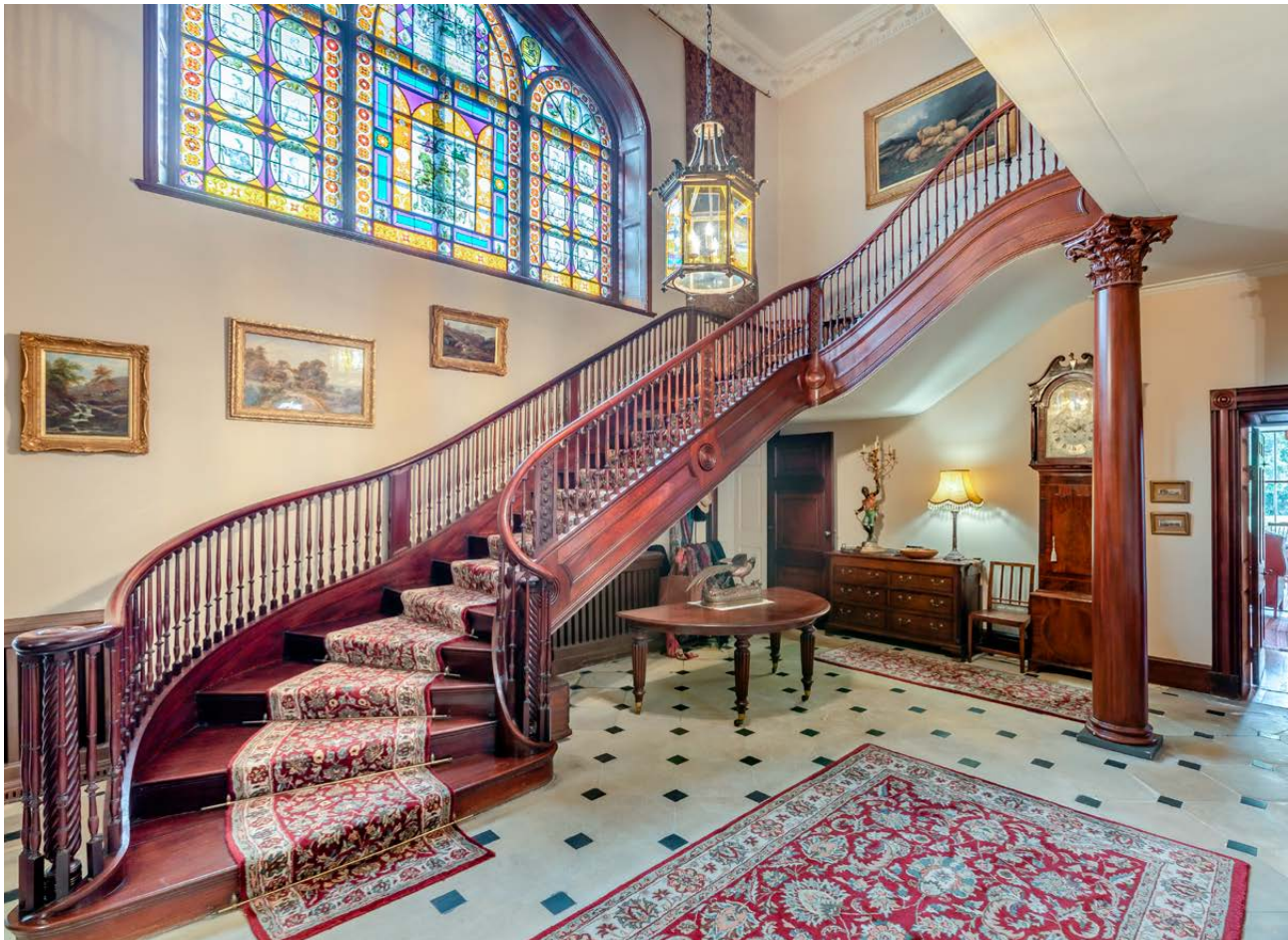
The Hall boasts a plethora of additional spaces include a stately library, complete with original bookcase cabinets believed to be the work of Robert Adam, an elegant billiard room, featuring a lantern ceiling and access to the walled garden as well as a secondary kitchen and dining area, with a central island and charming curved door arches and windows. There is also a further sitting room, a well-appointed study, and a practical boot room.

The grounds of Womersley Park are as impressive as the Hall itself, providing a backdrop of natural beauty and historic charm. With walled gardens, sweeping parkland, agricultural land and carefully preserved details, the estate captures the essence of Yorkshire's enduring elegance.

Historical note

Womersley Hall stands on the site of a previous property, with remnants of the older structure incorporated into its cellars. The Hall's surrounding grounds, including an ancient mulberry tree from the early 17th century, hint at the estate's long history. The Hall as it stands today began to take shape in 1680 when Tobiah Harvey (1659-1720), a London barrister, purchased the manor. Although he spent considerable time in London, Harvey commenced the construction of the Hall, marking the beginning of a grand family estate.





In the 18th century, three generations of Harveys significantly shaped Womersley Hall and its parkland. Tobiah's grandson, Stanhope Harvey, made substantial changes during the 1760s, including the addition of a southern wing and the diversion of the village Main Street to enhance the estate's privacy. Stanhope also transformed the surrounding area into a "designed landscape," potentially removing remnants of the medieval village to expand the parkland and introduce a Ha Ha.

The Hall remained in the Harvey family for over three centuries, only changing ownership in 2004. A pivotal moment came in 1797, when Frances Harvey married Baron Hawke, a descendant of Admiral Hawke, famed for his naval victory at Quiberon Bay. Womersley Hall entered its heyday as the seat of this prominent family. The 3rd Baron Hawke became well-known for his coaching displays and significant investments in the estate, such as enclosing Womersley Common and planting the Belt Plantation. He also named Lady Hawke Wood after his wife, Frances Harvey. However, his financial mismanagement, including failed canal and tramway ventures, led to the auctioning of the Hall's contents by 1820 to settle debts. The 3rd Baron lived out his life under financial constraints and died in obscurity in 1824.

The 4th Baron Hawke restored stability to the estate, achieving economic success by introducing a railway siding to transport Womersley limestone. His tenure saw the Hall hosting notable social

events, including gatherings for the Badsworth Hunt, archery, and charity tennis tournaments. However, his untimely death in 1869 left his teenage daughter, Cassandra Harvey Hawke, as the estate's heir. Although women could not inherit titles, Cassandra managed the estate effectively and supported the local community during events like World War I, when the Hall served as a depot for Queen Mary's Needlework Guild. Cassandra modernized the property, introducing electricity to both the Hall and St. Martin's Church.

Cassandra's death in 1921 marked the end of the Harvey-Hawke era at Womersley Hall. Her grandson, Michael, 6th Earl of Rosse, inherited the estate but faced economic challenges. Large country houses like Womersley Park had become increasingly difficult to maintain due to rising costs and changing societal norms. However, family tradition credits Anne Armstrong-Jones, Countess of Rosse (nee Messel of Nymans), with saving the Hall in the 1930's. Living there with her four children including Anthony (later to become Earl of Snowden), during World War II the Hall was partly requisitioned however Anne maintained the grounds planting the magnificent parterre still glorious today. A notable visitor in 1963 was her son Tony, accompanied by his wife, Princess Margaret.

Womersley Park's rich history reflects the shifting fortunes of the families who called it home, from its 17th-century beginnings to its survival in the modern era.



From a separate private courtyard at the rear of The Hall, this gives access to the two apartments and the Fig & Olive Coffee Shop.

Butler's Apartment

Three-bedrooms with kitchen and sitting room. The majority is on the first floor with a staircase and store room on the ground floor, with its own dedicated outside space. This apartment is currently rented out on an AST.

Stable Apartment

Two-bedroom with kitchen and sitting room. The majority is on the first floor with a staircase and store room on the ground floor. This apartment is currently rented out on an AST.

Wilson's Cottage & The Old Post Office House

With their own entrances from Park Lane, you will find a pair of semi-detached cottages. Wilson's Cottage to the west is a two-bedroom cottage split over two floors and has a good sized garden to the side and rear of the property. The Old Post Office House is a three bedroom cottage split over two-floors and

also has a good-sized garden to the rear of the property. These cottages are currently rented out on an AST.

Gardener's Cottage

Also situated on Park Lane and adjacent to the walled garden is a two bedroom cottage split over two-floors and with a patio to the south and a courtyard to the west. This cottage is currently let on an AST.

Outbuildings

A private gated entrance gateway from Park Lane takes you into a traditional coaching courtyard which includes separate garaging for multiple cars, garage loft, original stalls, a workshop and stores.

A biomass district heating system provides heating and hot water for the principal residence, both apartments and Wilson's Cottage and The Old Post Office House.

Commercial spaces

The Fig & Olive Coffee Shop is let on a six-year Lease outside the Landlord & Tenant Act. An additional building has change of use PP for a commercial space and is unlet.



*Floorplans for Womersley Park,
Womersley, Doncaster, North Yorkshire DN6 9BH*

Approximate Gross Internal Area*:
Main House Ground Floor: 8,756 sq ft / 813.4 sq m
Main House First Floor: 7,053 sq ft / 655.3 sq m
Main House Total: 15,809 sq ft / 1,468.7 sq m

Illustration for identification purposes only. Not to scale.

Floorplans for the further properties available
upon request from the agent.

*As defined by RICS - Code of Measuring Practice.







Gardens and grounds

An immaculate formal walled garden lies to the east of the Hall, where in addition, is situated a garden store and a large greenhouse and old potting shed and a dovecote.

The land lies predominantly to the south of the Hall, where lawned gardens and a ha-ha give way to parkland with a number of mature specimen trees including beech, cedar, lime, walnut and horse chestnut. There are interspersed areas of woodland around the land.

The parkland is let under a grazing licence.

The total acreage of the Estate is circa 24.24 acres.

More land may be available via separate negotiation.

Directions
Womersley Park is situated minutes from the M62, A19 and A1.

Exit the A1 at the Darrington exit and head east towards the village of Womersley. After about three miles you will enter the village, continue from Main Street onto Park Lane, at the roundabout head south onto Churchfield Lane. The carriageway driveway entrance is situated on the left of Churchfield Road heading north and is just after you pass the Womersley village sign.

London King Cross can be reached from Womersley in around 2 hours via Doncaster Train Station.

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General
Local Authority: North Yorkshire Council 0300 1312131

Services: Mains electricity, water, sewerage, biomass district heating system which services the Hall, Butler’s Apartment, Stable Apartment, Wilson’s Cottage and The Old Post Office House. Superfast broadband.

Covenants, Easements and Rights of Way: The property will be sold subject to all covenants, easements and Rights of Way whether specifically mentioned in these particulars or not.

Council Tax	
Womersley Park	H
Butler’s Apartment	A
Stable Apartment	A
Wilson’s Cottage	B
The Old Post Office House	D
Gardener’s Cottage	B
Fig and Olive Coffee Shop	Business rates

EPC Rating	
Womersley Park	F
Butler’s Apartment	D
Stable Apartment	E
Wilson’s Cottage	D
The Old Post Office House	D
Gardener’s Cottage	F
Fig and Olive Coffee Shop	C

Viewing: Strictly by appointment only. More details available by request.







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